

State of California – The Natural Resource Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: North Coast Redwoods District Tsunami Project

LOCATION: Coastal Units, North Coast Redwoods District **COUNTY:** Del Norte, Humboldt, & Mendocino

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Install 93 tsunami warning, evacuation directional and assembly point message signs (six 8"x8", 58 10"x10", 28 12"x12", and one 18"x22.5" signs), 24 coastal hazard signs (15 21"x18" and nine 30"x26"), four interpretative wayside panels (36"x24"), four double-sided kiosks (3 wood with 4'x4' panels; 1 metal with 36.5"x28.5" panel- see OHV kiosk design figure), two four-sided kiosks (with 4'x4' panels), 1 parallel kiosk (two 4'x4' panels in a row), and replace one bridge throughout the ten coastal parks within the North Coast Redwoods District to direct the public in case of tsunami evacuation. Work will:

Manually excavate approximately 12" inches in diameter and 30" deep post holes for all signs, wayside panels, and kiosks; install pedestals in concrete 24" below grade to extend 36" above grade. Construct 4'x4' wooden kiosks mounted on 4"x4" posts mounted to cement anchored "Simpson Ties" at ground level with lexan plexiglass covers on the viewable side(s); arrange four-sided kiosks in a square with all single-sided panels facing outward. Mount all tsunami and coastal warning signs so the base is at 40 inches high either on wooden 4"x4" posts or within the kiosks; signs in excess of 18" wide will be mounted on two posts. The interpretative wayside panels are located within Tolowa Dunes State Park and will be mounted to 6"x6"x60" metal pedestals.

Install warning signage at entry points to the hazard zone; construct a 60" wide level compacted gravel travel way between the parking area and the display panels to provide wheelchair accessible kiosks at Stone Lagoon and Gold Bluff Beach; place kiosks in parking areas that are not accessible but within tsunami hazard zones so that tsunami hazard zone signs are legible to a disabled person in a car.

Excavate to install 96" wide x 30" deep x 18" thick pour-in-place reinforced concrete slab foundation to install a pre-engineered 60 ft. long 72 ft. wide Fiber Reinforced Polymer (FRP) composite drop-deck trail replacement-bridge, with a free-span of 52 ft and 3" x 12" natural wood planks; removing the existing road base and de-compact the underlying soil to narrow the road approaches on both sides of the bridge; rehabilitate the surrounding area with sword ferns.

For a more detailed project description and maps please refer to http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=980

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: North Coast Redwoods District

EXEMPT STATUS:


☒ Categorical Exemption

Class: 2 & 3 Section: 15302 & 15303

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Consists of replacement of existing structures where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same propose and capacity as the structure replaced and the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities included as "kiosks" and "interpretive signing or panels" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR 15300.4.

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